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SUBJECT: POTENTIAL US-POLISH COOPERATION IN CRYOBIOLOGY

1. ON FEBRUARY 24, SCIATT HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH DAVID MASON ROBINSON, PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY, GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON, D.C., AND DR. STANISLAW AUGUSTYNOWICZ, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, RESEARCH CENTER AT MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY, WARSAW. PROFESSOR ROBINSON IS VISITING POLAND AS A CONSULTANT FOR WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION. HIS PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS PERTAIN TO STORAGE OF PURE BLOOD AND COMPLETE ORGANS AT LOW TEMPERATURES, AND CRYOGENIC SURGERY. THIS AREA OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE HAS SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS FOR THE TRANSPLANTATION OF HUMAN ORGANS AND ESPECIALLY FOR NEUROSURGERY. IN HIS CONSULTATIVE CAPACITY, ROBINSON HAS VISITED A LARGE NUMBER OF LABORATORIES INVOLVED IN CRYOBIOLOGICAL RESEARCH. IT IS HIS CONSIDERED OPINION THAT THE RESEARCH CENTER OF MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY IN WARSAW OFFERS THE BEST EQUIPMENT AND KNOW-HOW AVAILABLE WORLD-WIDE FOR HIGHLY DETAILED CRYOBIOLOGICAL RESEARCH.

2. SCIATT ADVISED ROBINSON AND AUGUSTYNOWICZ OF THE PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL, AND EMPHASIZED THE EXPEDIENCY OF OBLIGATING U.S. FUNDS BEFORE THE END OF 1976. HE SUGGESTED THAT ROBINSON CONTACT NSF'S ZALAR AND DHEW'S EHRLICH WHEN IN WASHINGTON, AND PETRUS AND JELJASZEWICZ IN WARSAW, WHILE AUGUSTYNOWICZ PREPARES A FORMAL PROPOSAL. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE A MEETING BETWEEN EHRLICH
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AND AUGUSTYNOWICZ IN WARSAW DURING POLISH-AMERICAN HEALTH

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